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**Right to Object***To The Sentinel:*

It is popular to try to discredit the antiwar demonstrators by emphasizing the beatniks and the shaggy dissenters who participate. Actually, the same news media that focus their attention on what they perceive as the "undesirables" give very little space to the thousands of mature, highly respected people like Dr. Benjamin Spock and the eight Nobel prize winners who are speaking out against a situation which they feel is illegal and immoral.

Before we condemn the demonstrations as unpatriotic, we should look closely at some of the organizations which openly attack them: For instance, such questionable authorities on American freedom and democracy as the American Nazi party, the Ku Klux Klan, and the John Birch society.

And also, it seems to me, we should consider the Nuremberg judgment that every individual has a moral responsibility to defy his government if, in his informed viewpoint, it is perpetrating an evil and immoral policy.

These demonstrators really do think that we should abide by the Geneva accords of 1954; they really do oppose our policy of CIA established puppet regimes in South Vietnam; they really are shocked by our support of the most recently installed South Vietnamese premier who says that his only hero is Hitler; and they really do feel that we are immoral to bomb North and South Vietnam indiscriminately to clear out "suspected" Vietcong hideouts.

If students and concerned citizens had demonstrated actively against Hitler when he was coming into power, German apathy might have been aroused before it was too late to avert unrestrained militarism and genocide.

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